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Compact Disc Player

Operating Instructions

CDP-CX350
CDP-CX555ES

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WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

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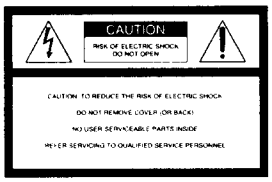
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INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

CAUTION

You are cautioned that any changes or modification not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

Owner's Record

The model and serial numbers are located at the rear of the unit. Record the serial number in the space provided below. Refer to them whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No. CDP-CX350/CX555ES
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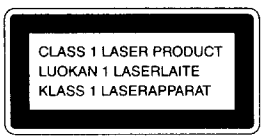
This appliance is classified as a CLASS 1 LASER product.
The CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT MARKING is located on the rear exterior.



This equipment is intended for home entertainment purposes only. The warranty shall be invalidated if used in commercial environments, such as by disc jockeys, etc., even within the Warranty Period.

Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the Sony Compact Disc Player. Before operating the unit, please read this manual thoroughly and retain it for future reference.

About This Manual

The instructions in this manual are for models CDP-CX350 and CDP-CX555ES. The CDP-CX350 is the model used for illustration purposes.
Any difference in operation is clearly indicated in the text, for example, "CDP-CX555ES only."

Conventions

- Instructions in this manual describe the controls on the player.
  You can also use the controls on the remote if they have the same or similar names as those on the player.
- The following icons are used in this manual:

Indicates that you can do the task using the remote.

Indicates hints and tips for making the task easier.

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Unpacking

Check that you received the following items:

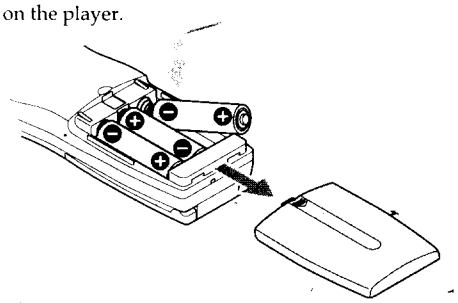
- Audio cord (1)
- CD booklet holders (3) and label (1)
- Remote commander (remote) (1)
- Size AA (LR6) batteries (3)

How to use the CD booklet holder

The CD booklet holder helps you locate discs easily. After you have inserted discs into the player, you can put the CD booklet (which comes with a CD) into the supplied holder. Put two CD booklets facing back to back into a pocket. Stick the number label on each pocket, matching the number of the disc slot where you have inserted the disc. You can put up to 300 CD booklets into the holders.

Inserting batteries into the remote

You can control the player using the supplied remote. Insert three size AA (LR6) batteries (supplied) by matching the + and – ends on the batteries to the diagram inside the battery compartment.
Insert the negative (–) end first, then push in and down until the positive (+) end clicks into position.
When using the remote, point it at the remote sensor ■ on the player.



When to replace batteries

If ⌧ flashes in the remote's display, replace all the batteries with new alkaline batteries. Use of battery types other than alkaline batteries, such as manganese batteries, may not last longer than the alkaline batteries. The loaded memory in the remote will be retained for a few minutes while you replace the batteries.

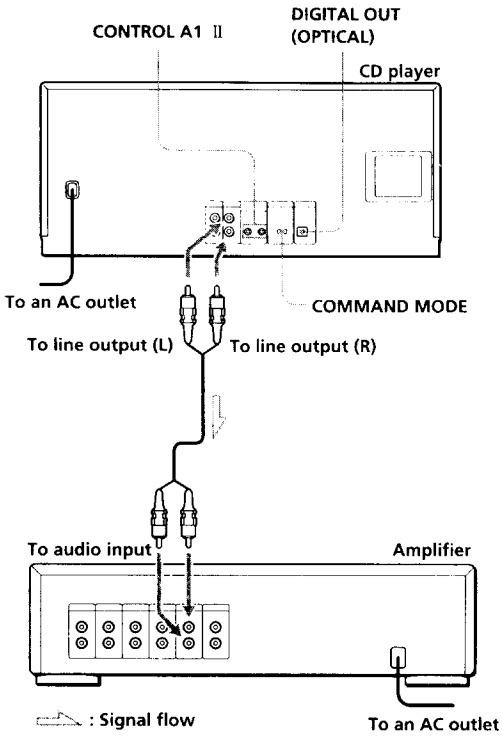
Notes

- Do not leave the remote near an extremely hot or humid place.
- Do not drop any foreign object into the remote casing, particularly when replacing the batteries.
- Do not expose the remote sensor to direct sunlight or leave too near lighting apparatuses. Doing so may cause a malfunction.
- If you do not use the remote for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage and corrosion.

Hooking Up the System

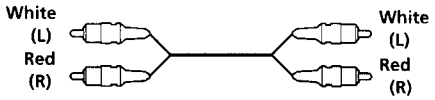
Overview

This section describes how to hook up the CD player to an amplifier. Be sure to turn off the power of each component before making the connections.



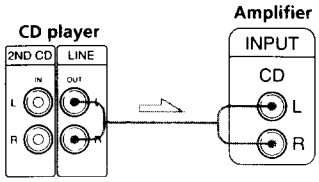
What cords will I need?

Audio cord (1) (supplied)

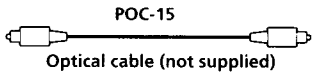


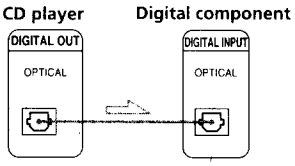
Hookups

When connecting the audio cord, be sure to match the color-coded cords to the appropriate jacks on the components: Red (right) to Red and White (left) to White. Be sure to make connections firmly to avoid hum and noise.



- **If you have a digital component such as a digital amplifier, D/A converter, DAT or MD**
  Connect the component via the DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL) connector using an optical cable (not supplied). Take off the cap and plug in the optical cable.





Note
When you connect via the DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL) connector, noise may occur when you play CD software other than music, such as a CD-ROM.

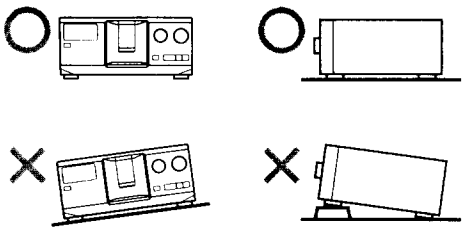
- **If you have a Sony component with the CONTROL A1 II jack**
  Connect the component via the CONTROL A1 II jack. You can simplify the operation of audio systems composed of separate Sony components. For details, refer to the supplementary "CONTROL A1 II Control System" instructions.

Connecting the AC power cord

Connect the AC power cord to a wall outlet.

Note on placement of the player

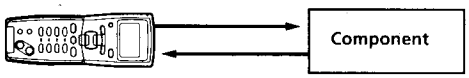
Be sure to place the player in a flat, horizontal place. If the player is left in a slanted position, it may cause a malfunction or damage the player.



About the Supplied Remote Commander

Understanding the 2 way remote system

This remote operates under a 2 way remote system. With the 2 way remote system, the component responds to signals sent from the remote by sending additional signals (information about the status of the component, text data, etc.) back to the remote. Thus, operations are performed as a result of communication between the remote and the component.

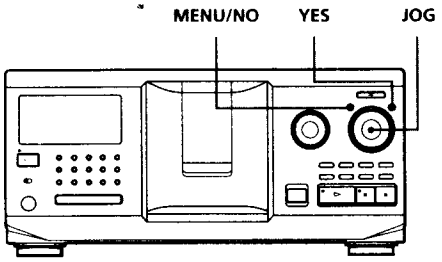


When using a home entertainment system comprised of several components compatible with the 2 way remote system, please restrict 2 way remote system operation to a single component. Normally, turn off the 2 way remote system on all components except the receiver. If you would like to turn off the player's 2 way remote system, see "Turning off a player's response to remote signals" on page 6.

Turning off the player's response to remote signals

To use the remote supplied with another component compatible with the 2 way remote system, you must turn off this player's response to signals of the remote supplied with this player.

Set the 2 way remote system to off when:
- you use the remote as RM-TP501, RM-TP501E, RM-LJ301 supplied with the receiver/amplifier (you can operate Disc 1 to Disc 200 only).
- you use the remote with the mark supplied with the receiver/amplifier.



1 Press MENU/NO.

2 Turning the JOG dial until "2WAY OFF ?" appears in the display window.

3 Press YES.

When you connect the player to CDP-CX260 or CDP-CX88ES, press OPERATE on the transmitter/receiver to turn it off, and set the 2 way remote system of the player to on.

To return to normal setting

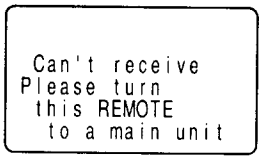
After following steps 1 and 2, and "2WAY ON ?" is displayed, then press YES.

Notes

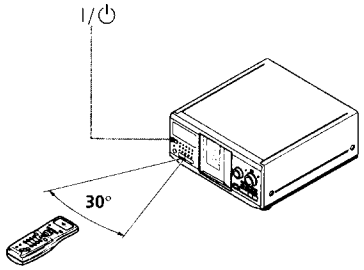
- When you use the remote to operate more than one unit, position the units so that each unit can receive the signals of the remote.
- When you use this player with a receiver/amplifier, turn the receiver/amplifier on when using this player.

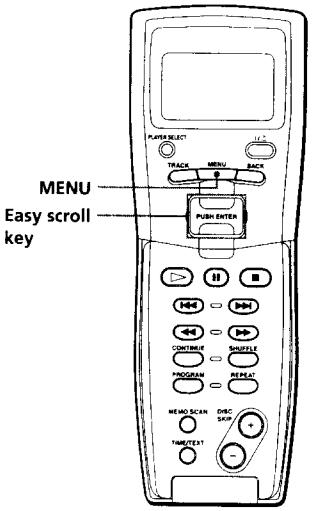
Setting Up the Remote

This section describes how to prepare the supplied remote for operation.
Press I/⏻ on the player to turn the player on.
If the following message appears in the remote's display while setting up the remote, point the remote at the player as illustrated below.



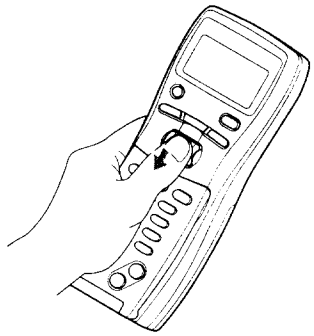
Note that the display disappears automatically if you don't proceed for more than a few moments.



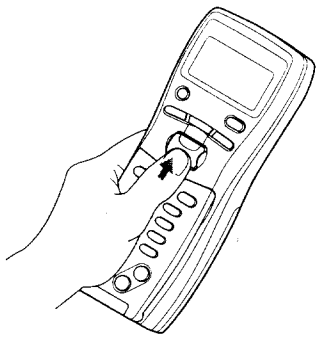


How to move the cursor in the remote's display

To move the cursor down, push the Easy scroll key downward as illustrated below.

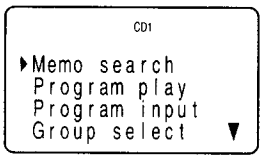


To move the cursor up, push the Easy scroll key upward as illustrated below.



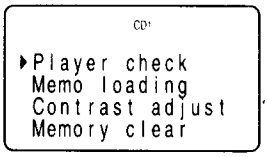
Storing disc data in the remote

1 Press MENU.

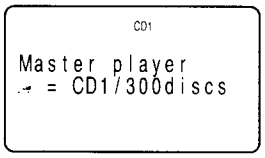


Note the ▼ mark indicates that the menu continues.
Press the Easy scroll key downward to see the next items.

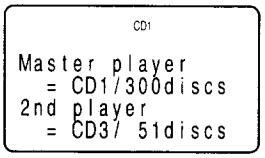
2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Set up" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



3 Move the cursor to "Player check," then press the Easy scroll key.
The display shows the disc data in the player after "Now player checking..." appears.

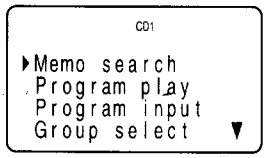


When you connect another CD player, the disc data in the second CD player also appears.

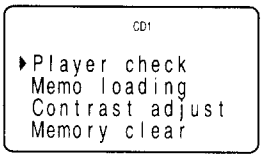


Loading the Disc Memo

1 Press MENU.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Set up" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



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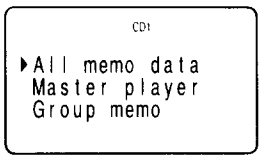
3 Move the cursor to "Memo loading," then press the Easy scroll key.

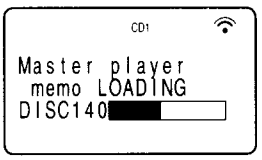


When you connect another CD player, "2nd player" also appears.

4 When you want to load all Disc Memos (the master player's, second CD player's*, and both player's Group Memo data), move the cursor to "All memo data," then press the Easy scroll key. The remote starts reading all memo data. The loading time may take a few moments. Point the remote at the player while loading the data.

* The second CD player's Disc Memo data must be loaded to the master player before you load the data to the remote.

Keep the remote 1 – 2 m away from the player while loading the data.

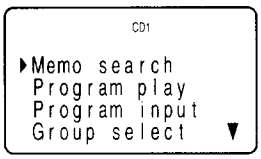


When you want to load each Disc Memo data independently, move the cursor to the data you want to load, then press the Easy scroll key.

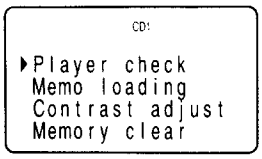
5 When the remote finishes reading the data, "Memo loading complete" appears in the remote's display.

Adjusting the display contrast of the remote

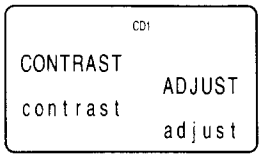
1 Press MENU.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Set up" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



3 Move the cursor to "Contrast adjust," then press the Easy scroll key.



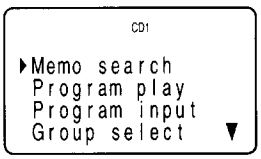
4 Adjust the contrast by pressing the Easy scroll key up or down and holding until the desired level of contrast is attained.

5 Press the Easy scroll key.

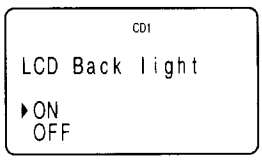
Turning off the LCD back light

You can conserve the remote's power by turning off the LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) back light.

1 Press MENU.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Back light mode" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



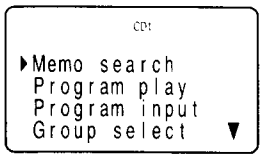
3 Move the cursor to "OFF," then press the Easy scroll key.

Note

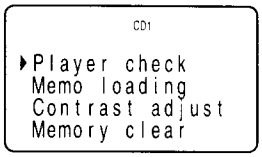
If you erase all the data stored in the remote (page 9), follow the procedure above to turn the back light off again .

Erasing all data stored in the remote

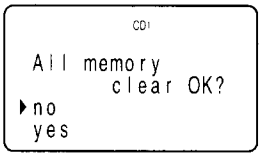
1 Press MENU.



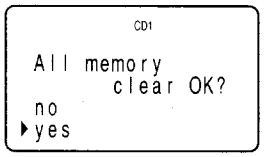
2 Move the cursor (▸) to "Set up" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



3 Move the cursor to "Memory clear," then press the Easy scroll key.



4 If you want to erase all stored data, move the cursor to "yes," then press the Easy scroll key.

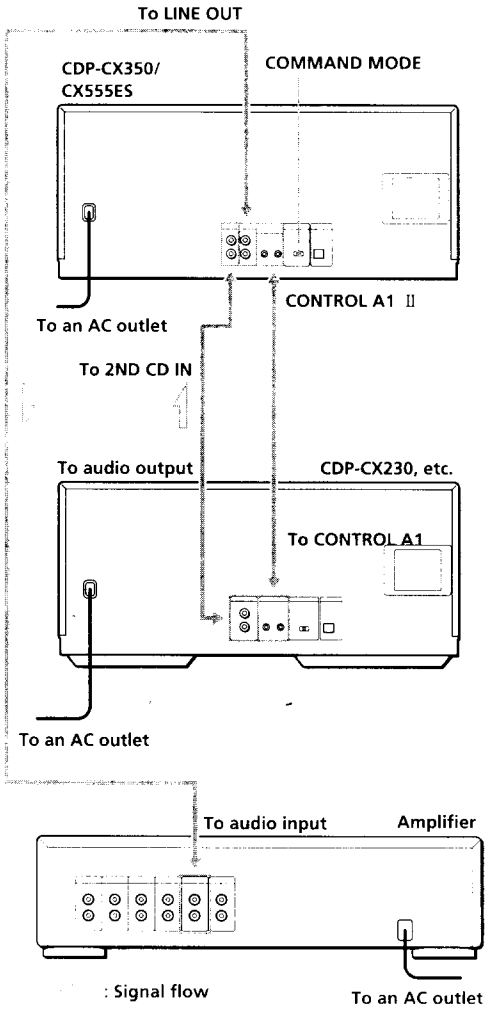


5 "All memory clear!" appears in the display when all data is erased.

Connecting Another CD Player

If you have a Sony CD player in which 5, 50, 200, or 300 discs can be inserted and which is equipped with the CONTROL A1 II (or CONTROL A1) jack and the command mode of that player can be set to CD 3, you can control that player as the second player with this unit. After connecting this unit and an amplifier, follow the procedure below.

Be sure to turn off the power of each player before making this connection.



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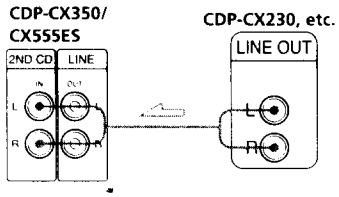
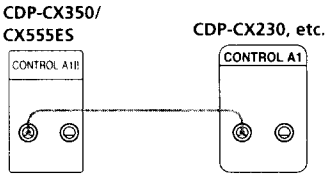
What cords will I need?

- Audio cord (1) (Use the cord supplied with the player to be connected.)
- Monaural (2P) mini-plug cord (1) (not supplied)

1 Connect the players with an audio cord (see also "Hookups" on page 5).

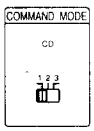


2 Connect the players with a monaural (2P) mini-plug cord.



For details on this connection, refer to the supplementary "CONTROL A1 II Control System" instructions.

3 Set the COMMAND MODE selector of this player to CD 1 or CD 2, and set the command mode of the second player to CD 3.



For details on how to operate the second player, see "Controlling Another CD Player" on page 27 and "Playing Alternately" on page 29.

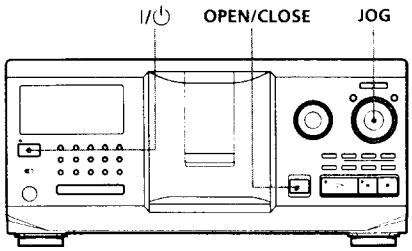
4 Connect the AC power cord of both players to AC outlets.

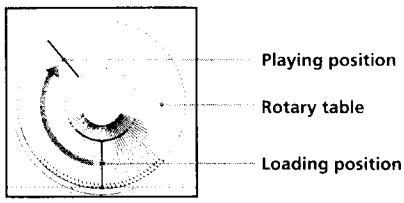
Notes

- Do not connect a player other than that you intend to use as the second player to the 2ND CD IN jacks of this player.
- When connecting a second CD player, do not connect the DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL) connector of this unit to the amplifier.
- If you connect another CD player after you have already set up the remote, follow "Setting Up the Remote" on page 6 to set up the remote again.
- To operate the second CD player with the remote, press PLAYER SELECT on the remote to select the second player.

Inserting CDs

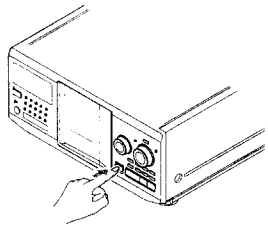
You can insert up to 300 discs into this player.



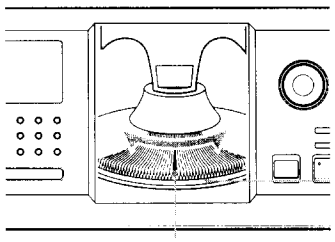


1 Press I/⏻ to turn on the player.

2 Open the front cover by pressing OPEN / CLOSE.

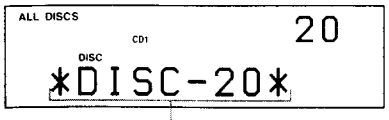


3 Turn the JOG dial until you find the disc slot where you want to insert a disc, while checking the disc number (written beside every slot and also indicated in the display).



Disc slot at the loading position

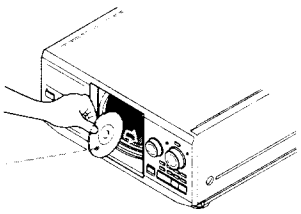
The disc number at the loading position appears in the display. If the disc has a Disc Memo (see page 30), the Disc Memo appears instead of the disc number. As you turn the JOG dial, the disc number or the Disc Memo changes.



Disc number or the Disc Memo

You can classify discs into eight groups by using the Group File function. This feature lets you easily find the disc you want to play. For details, see "Grouping Discs" on page 35.

4 Insert a disc with the label side facing right.

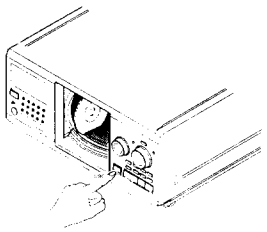


With the label side facing right

After inserting the disc, you can input the original disc titles instead of the disc numbers (see "Labeling Discs" on page 30) to locate it easily whenever you want to play it.

5 Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to insert more discs.

6 Close the front cover by pressing OPEN/CLOSE.



The rotary table turns and the disc slot at the loading position is set to the playing position. Always keep the front cover closed except when inserting or removing discs.

The supplied CD booklet holders help you locate a disc easily

You can store up to 300 CD booklets. Insert a booklet and stick the number label on the pocket matching the number of the disc slot where you have inserted the disc.

Notes

- **Do not insert an empty 8 cm (3-inch) CD adaptor (CSA-8). It may damage the player.**
- **Do not attach anything such as seals or sleeves to CDs. It may damage the player or the disc.**
- If you drop a disc into the player and/or the CD won't go into the slot correctly, consult your nearest Sony dealer.
- When transporting the player, remove all discs from the player.
- Make sure to insert the disc at a right angle to the rotary table, otherwise damage to the player and/or the disc could result. If the disc is not inserted into the slot completely, reinsert the disc.
- Make sure the rotary table comes to a complete stop before inserting or removing discs.
  The front panel closes automatically when you press ▷. Be careful not to put your hand into the player after pressing ▷ otherwise your hand may be caught in the front panel.

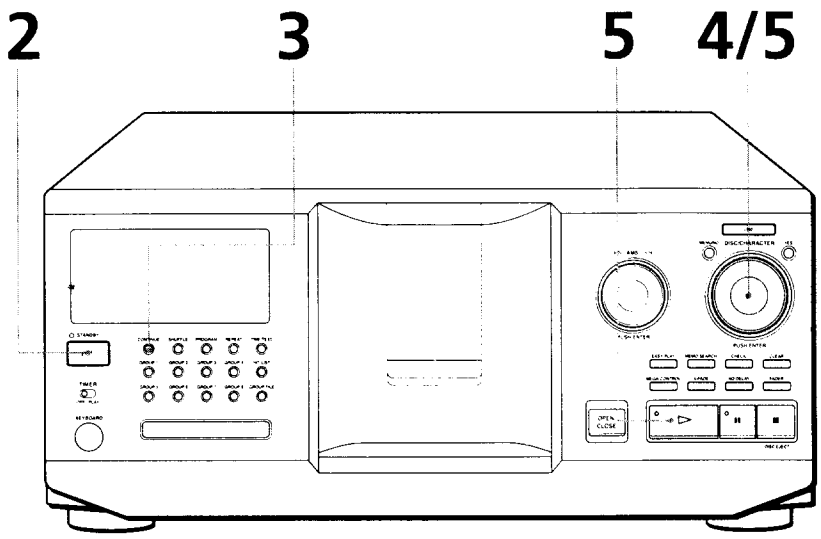
Removing CDs

After following Steps 1 to 3 of "Inserting CDs" on page 10, remove the discs. Then close the front cover.

To remove discs easily

After following steps 1 to 3 of "Inserting CDs" on page 10, press ■ (DISC EJECT). The disc in the selected slot moves up and you can remove the disc easily. When you press ■ again, the disc returns back to the normal position. If the disc does not return back to the normal position, reinsert the disc.

Playing a CD



- See page 5 for hookup information.
- Make sure you have inserted the discs correctly as indicated on page 10.
- You can play all the tracks on a disc in the original order (Continuous Play). You can also play up to 300 discs consecutively.

You can turn on the player by pressing I/⏻ on the remote

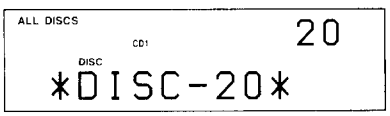
1 Turn on the amplifier and select the CD player position.

2 Press I/⏻ to turn on the player.

3 Press CONTINUE to select ALL DISCS or 1 DISC Continuous Play mode.
Each time you press CONTINUE, "ALL DISCS" or "1 DISC" appears alternately in the display.

When you select	The player plays
ALL DISCS	All discs in the player consecutively in the order of disc number. Empty disc slots are skipped.
1 DISC	Only the one disc you have selected

4 Turn the JOG dial until the desired disc number or Disc Memo (see page 30) appears in the display to select the first disc (ALL DISCS) or the disc you want (1 DISC).

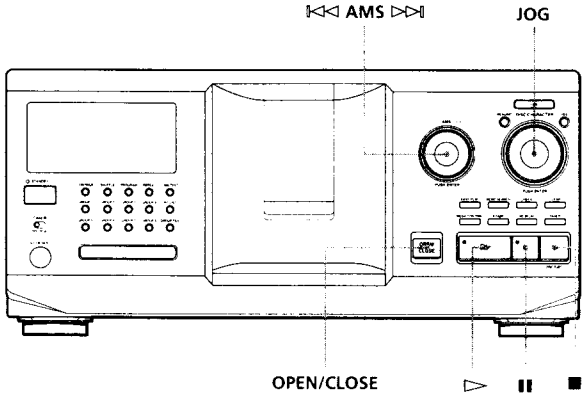


5 Push the JOG dial or press ▷ to start playing.
The selected disc is set to the playing position, and the player plays all the discs from the selected one (ALL DISCS) or all the tracks once (1 DISC).
Adjust the volume on the amplifier.

When you turn off the player
The player remembers the last playing disc and the play mode (Continuous, Shuffle, or Program (see pages 21 and 22)). When you turn on the player again, therefore, the player plays the same disc in the same play mode.

To stop playback

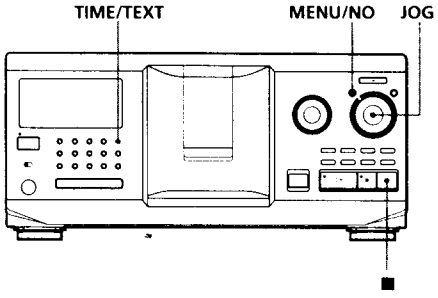
Press ■.

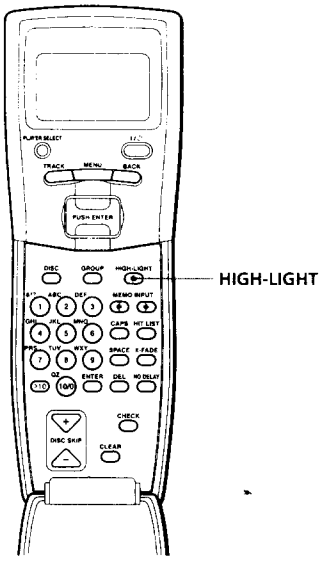


To	You need to
Pause	Press II
Resume playing after pause	Press II or ▷
Go to the next disc	Press DISC SKIP + once. Hold down the button to skip other discs.
Go back to the preceding disc	Press DISC SKIP – once. Hold down the button to skip other discs.
Go to the next track	Turn the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial clockwise by one click.
Go back to the preceding track	Turn the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial counterclockwise by one click.
Stop playing and remove the disc	Press OPEN/CLOSE

Using the Display

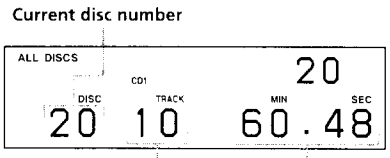
You can check information about the disc using the display.





Checking the total number and playing time of the tracks

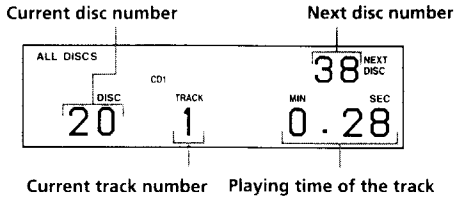
Select the disc you want to check, and press TIME/TEXT .
The display shows the current disc number, total number of tracks, and total playing time of the disc.



When you want to check another disc
Press DISC SKIP +/– on the remote in the stop mode to select the disc you want to check. The total number of tracks and the total playing time of the selected disc appear momentarily.

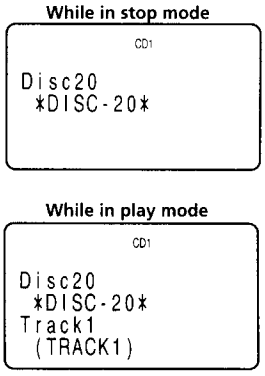
Display information of the playing disc

While playing a disc, the display shows the current disc number, track number, playing time of the track, and the next disc number.



Remote's display information

While in stop mode, the remote's display shows the current disc number. While in play mode, the current track number also appears.



Note
While in stop mode, the Disc Memo appears if you labeled the disc (see page 30).
While in play mode, the track title appears (up to the 13th character) when you select a CD TEXT disc (see pages 15 and 30).

Checking the information of CD TEXT discs

CD TEXT discs have information, such as the disc titles or artist names, memorised in a blank space on the discs where, on normal discs, there is no information. The display shows the CD TEXT information of the disc so that you can check the current disc title, artist name and track title. When the player detects a CD TEXT disc, "CD TEXT" appears in the display. If your CD TEXT disc has multi-language capacity, "MULTI CD TEXT" appears in the display. If you want to check the information in another language, refer to "Selecting the language of the CD TEXT information" on page 15.

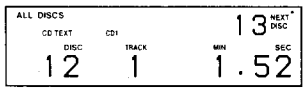
Display information in stop mode

The display shows the disc title. When you press TIME/TEXT, the artist name scrolls in the display. If you press TIME/TEXT again, the display shows the current disc number, total number of tracks, and total playing time of the disc momentarily. Then the display shows the disc title again.

Display information while playing a disc

Each time you press TIME/TEXT, the display shows the information as shown below.

The current disc number, track number and playing time appear.



Press TIME/TEXT.

The current disc title or disc number appears.

Press TIME/TEXT.

The current track title appears.

This information also appears when the player locates the track.

Press TIME/TEXT.

Notes

- If the disc title and track title have more than 13 characters, only the first 13 characters appear in the display.
- The track title appears only when the current disc is a CD TEXT disc or the current title has a HIT TITLE (only when the player is in the Hit List mode) (see page 39).

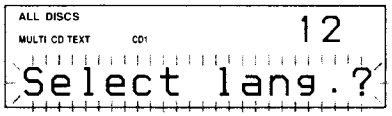
To play disc highlights

Some CD TEXT discs have a feature to play only the highlights of the discs.
During stop mode, press HIGH-LIGHT on the remote to start playing disc highlights.
"Hi LIGHT" flashes while playing disc highlights.
If you press HIGH-LIGHT while selecting discs without this feature, "NO HIGHLIGHT" appears in the display.

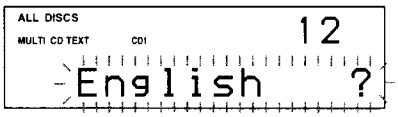
Selecting the language of the CD TEXT information

You can select the language used to display the CD TEXT information when you select a CD TEXT disc with multi-language information.
Once you select the language, the display shows the information in the selected language until you turn off the player. If the player cannot read the language memorised in a CD TEXT disc, "other lang." appears.

1 Press MENU/NO in stop mode.
"Select lang.?" flashes.



2 Push the JOG dial.
The current operating language flashes.



3 Turn the JOG dial until the language you want appears in the display.

4 Push the JOG dial to select the language.
"Reading text" appears momentarily, then the display shows the information in the selected language.

To check the current language

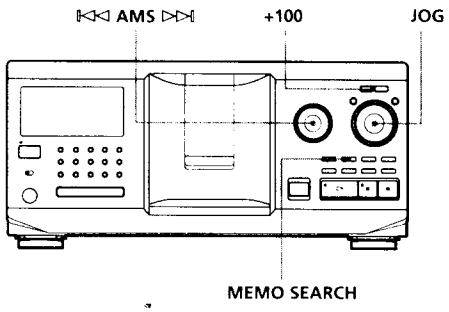
1 Press MENU/NO while playing a CD TEXT disc.
"Show lang.?" flashes.
2 Push the JOG dial.
The current language appears momentarily.

You can also check the current language while selecting a CD TEXT disc without multi-language information.

Note

If you select a CD TEXT disc which does not contain the information of the selected language, the display shows the information in another language according to the disc's priority.

Locating a Specific Disc



Locating a disc on the player

Turn the JOG dial until the desired disc number or Disc Memo (see page 30) appears in the display. Push the JOG dial to start play.

To skip discs quickly

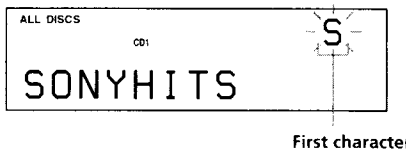
Press +100. Each time you press +100, the player skips 100 discs.

Locating a disc searching for a specific Disc Memo (Memo Search)

You can search for and locate a desired disc by the first character of the Disc Memo (see page 30). The Memo Search function can display the Disc Memo in alphabetical order.

1 Press MEMO SEARCH.
"MEMO SEARCH" appears in the display.

2 Turn the JOG dial to find the desired disc.
As you turn the JOG dial, the Disc Memos starting with the input character appear in the display.



The characters which are displayed as the first character.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

If "NOT FOUND" appears in the display while inputting the first character with the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial, no disc has been labeled using the input character.

Notes

- When searching for input characters, blanks and symbols before the first character in the Disc Memo are ignored.
- When searching for input characters, upper and lower cases cannot be differentiated.

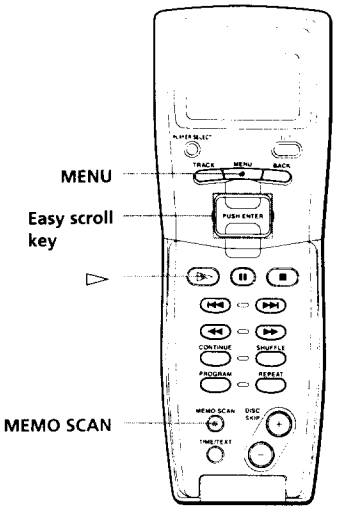
3 Push the JOG dial to select the disc.

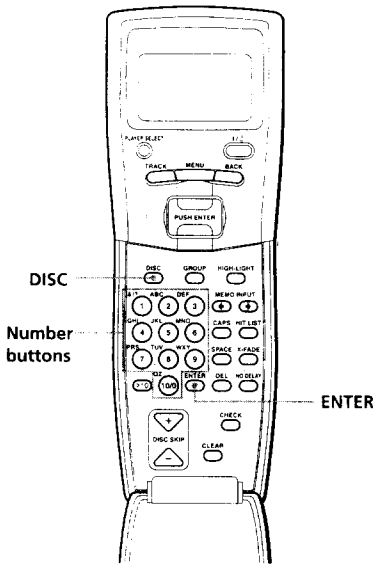
In Program Play mode, the disc will be added to the end of the program.

To cancel Memo Search

Press MEMO SEARCH again.

Locating a disc directly using the remote





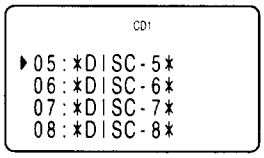
1 Press DISC.

2 Press the number button of the disc.
Example: To enter number 35
Press 3, then 5.

3 Press ENTER to start play.

Locating a disc directly observing the remote's display

1 Move the cursor (▶) to the desired disc by using the Easy scroll key.



2 Press the Easy scroll key or ▷.
If the player has no disc in the slot you selected, "NO DISC!!!" appears.

Notes

- The Shuffle or Program Play mode (pages 21 and 22) will be canceled when you locate a disc by observing the remote's display.
- If the MEGA CONTROL button, GROUP 1 – 8 buttons, or the HIT LIST button is lit, you cannot locate a disc by observing the remote's display.

Locating a disc scanning each Disc Memo (Memo Scan)

You can locate a desired disc quickly by scanning the Disc Memos (see page 30) in the display .
Note that you cannot use this function in the ALL DISCS Shuffle Play mode.

1 Press MEMO SCAN.
"MEMO SCAN" appears in the display, and the Disc Memos scroll in the display.

2 Press ▷ when the Disc Memo of the desired disc appears.
The disc is set to the playing position, and the player starts playing.

In Program Play mode, the disc will be added to the end of the program if you press ENTER instead of ▷.

Note

If "NO ENTRY" appears in the display, no disc has been labeled with the Disc Memo. Try the Memo Scan function again after labeling the discs.

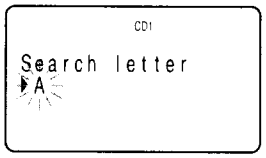
Locating a disc using the Disc Memo data on the remote

You can search for and locate a desired disc by using the Disc Memo data on the remote.
Before following the procedure below, be sure to load the Disc Memo data into the remote's memory (see page 7).

1 Press MENU.

2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Memo search" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.

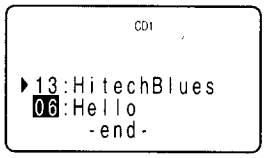
3 Push the Easy scroll key up or down until the first character in the Disc Memo of the CD you want appears.



Each time you push the Easy scroll key up or down, the characters appear in the following order.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4 Press the Easy scroll key to input the character you want.
The display shows the Disc Memos starting with the input character. The second CD player's disc numbers are displayed in reverse contrast.



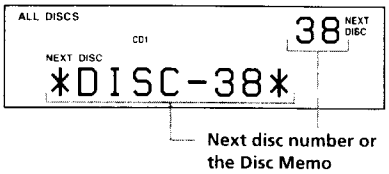
If "not found" appears after inputting the first character, no disc has been labeled using the input character.

5 Move the cursor to the disc number you want to play, then press the Easy scroll key.

Specifying the Next Disc to Play

You can specify the next disc to play while playing a disc in Continuous or 1 DISC Shuffle Play mode.

While playing a disc, turn the JOG dial. "NEXT DISC" appears in the display and the disc number or Disc Memo (see page 30) changes as you turn the JOG dial. When the desired disc number or Disc Memo appears in the display, stop turning the JOG dial.



After the current disc is played, the next disc you have specified starts playing.
If you want to skip to the next disc right away, push the JOG dial while playing the current disc.

To cancel the disc you have specified
Press CONTINUE twice.

Playing the Disc Which was Just Inserted – Easy Play

You can play the disc which was just inserted only by pressing one button.

1 Open the front cover by pressing OPEN/CLOSE.

2 Press EASY PLAY.
Slot 1 moves into loading position.

3 Insert the disc in slot 1.

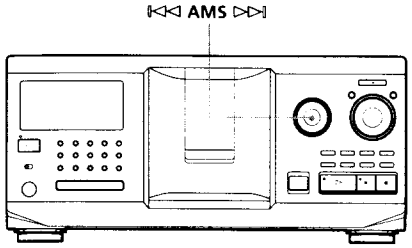
4 Press EASY PLAY.
The EASY PLAY button is lit and the player starts playing the disc in slot 1.

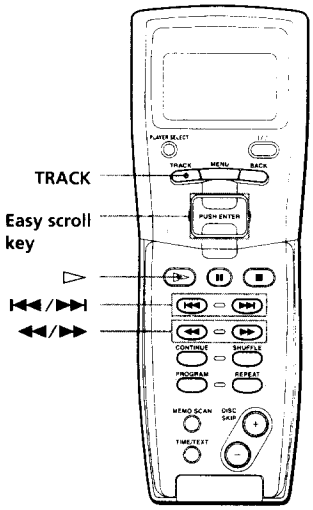
Note
The Easy Play function can only play the disc in slot 1.

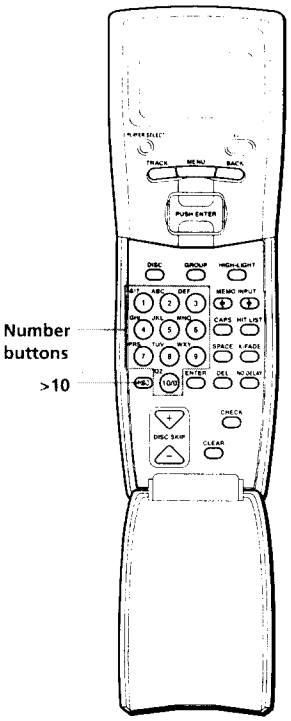
To cancel the Easy Play function
Press ■.

Locating a Specific Track or a Point in a Track

You can quickly locate any track while playing a disc by using the ⏮⏭ AMS ⏭⏮ (AMS: Automatic Music Sensor) dial or by using the ⏮/⏭ buttons on the remote. You can also locate a specific point in a track while playing a disc.







Locating a specific track or a point in a track

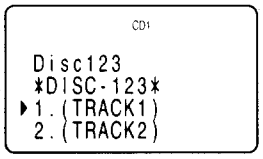
To locate	You need to
the next or succeeding tracks	Turn the ⏮⏭ AMS ⏭⏮ dial clockwise until you find the track
the current or preceding tracks	Turn the ⏮⏭ AMS ⏭⏮ dial counterclockwise until you find the track
a specific track directly ℹ	The number button of the track on the remote. When you directly locate a track numbered over 10, press >10 first, then the corresponding number buttons.
a point in a track while monitoring the sound ℹ	Press ◀◀ (backward)/▶▶ (forward) on the remote and hold down until you find the point
a point in a track quickly by observing the display ℹ	Press ◀◀ (backward)/▶▶ (forward) on the remote and hold down until you find the point during pause. You will not hear the sound during the operation.

Note

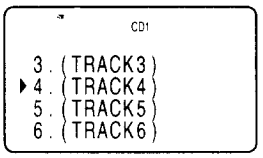
If "– OVER –" appears in the display, the disc has reached the end while you were pressing ▶▶. Turn the ⏮⏭ AMS ⏭⏮ dial counterclockwise or press ◀◀ to go back.

Locating a specific track or a point in a track observing the remote's display

1 During stop mode, press TRACK.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to a desired track by using the Easy scroll key.



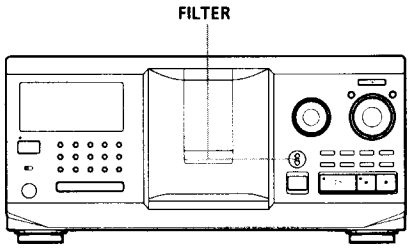
3 Press the Easy scroll key or ▷.

Note

When you select a CD TEXT disc, track titles appear in Step 2 instead of the track numbers.

Customising the Sound of Your Music (Digital Filter Function) (CDP-CX555ES only)

By selecting the type of filter you want, you can adjust the sound to match your system, your speakers, etc. This player has two types of filters.



Types of Digital Filter	Sound image
STD (Standard)	• wide ranging • ample spatial representation
1 (Clear)	• clear • smooth sound reproduction
2 (Plain)	• high clarity • strength

Set the FILTER control to the digital filter type you want. The display shows the digital filter type you select.

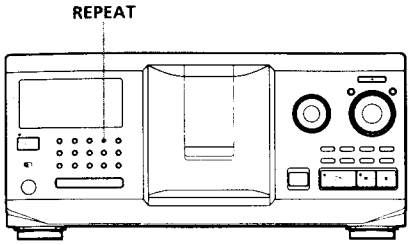
If you change the type of digital filter during play, the sound will be interrupted momentarily.

Note

The Digital Filter function primarily changes characteristics outside the audible frequency. They cannot affect changes within the audible frequency such as those provided by the tone controls of the amplifier. Therefore, with certain combinations of hardware and software, there may be no noticeable effect after switching the filter.

Playing Repeatedly

You can play discs or tracks repeatedly in any play mode.



Press REPEAT while playing a disc.
"REPEAT" appears in the display. The player repeats the discs/tracks as follows:

When the disc is played in	The player repeats
ALL DISCS Continuous Play (page 12)	All tracks on all discs
1 DISC Continuous Play (page 12)	All tracks on the current disc
ALL DISCS Shuffle Play (page 22)	All tracks on all discs in random order
1 DISC Shuffle Play (page 22)	All tracks on the current disc in random order
Program Play (page 22)	The same program

To cancel Repeat Play
Press REPEAT twice.

Repeating the current track

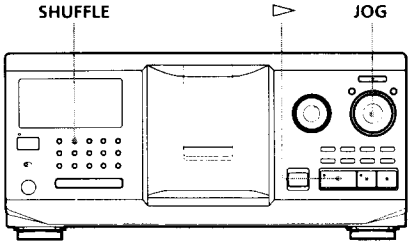
You can repeat the current track.

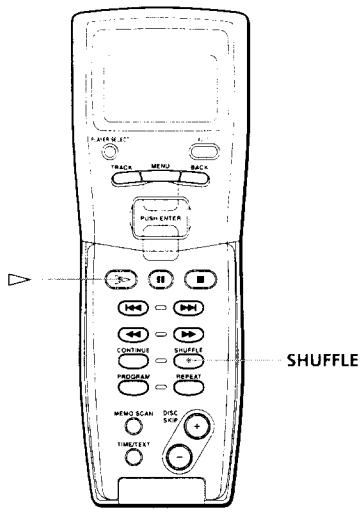
While the track you want is being played, press REPEAT repeatedly until "REPEAT 1" appears in the display.

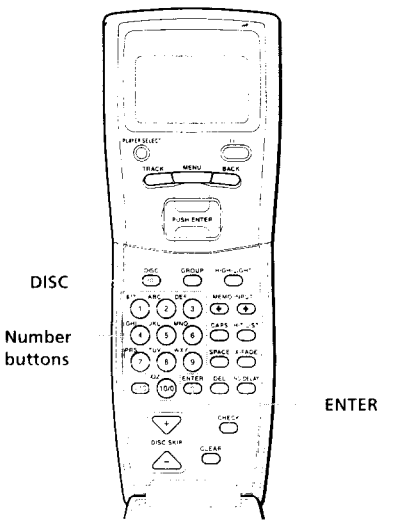
To cancel Repeat 1
Press REPEAT.

Playing in Random Order (Shuffle Play)

You can have the player "shuffle" the tracks and play in random order. The player shuffles all the tracks on all discs or on the disc you specify.







Playing all tracks on all discs in random order

1 Press SHUFFLE.
"ALL DISCS" and "SHUFFLE" appear in the display.

2 Push the JOG dial or press ▷.
ALL DISCS Shuffle Play starts.
" " appears in the display while the player is "shuffling" the discs or the tracks.

Playing all tracks on a specified disc in random order

1 Press SHUFFLE twice.
"1 DISC" and "SHUFFLE" appear in the display.

2 Turn the JOG dial until the desired disc number appears in the display.
When using the remote, first press DISC, then press the number button of the disc.

3 Push the JOG dial or press ▷.
When using the remote, press ENTER.
1 DISC Shuffle Play starts.
" " appears in the display while the player is "shuffling" the tracks.

To cancel Shuffle Play
Press CONTINUE.

You can start Shuffle Play while playing
Press SHUFFLE, and Shuffle Play starts from the current track.

You can go to the next disc during 1 DISC Shuffle Play
Press DISC SKIP +.

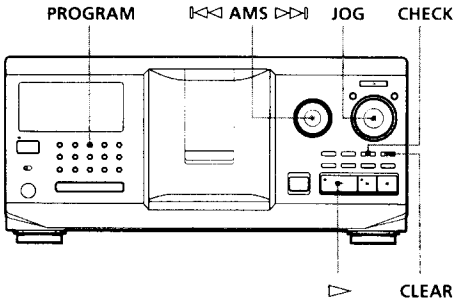
You can specify the next disc to play during 1 DISC Shuffle Play
Turn the JOG dial to specify the next disc. After all the tracks on the current disc are played in random order, the next disc starts playing. If you want to skip to the next disc right away, push the JOG dial while playing the current disc.

Notes
- You cannot specify the next disc to play during ALL DISCS Shuffle Play.
- Even if you press ■ or turn off the player during ALL DISCS Shuffle Play, the player remembers which discs or tracks were played and which were not. Therefore, if you want to start ALL DISCS Shuffle Play again from the beginning, be sure to repeat the procedure from Step 1.

Creating Your Own Program (Program Play)

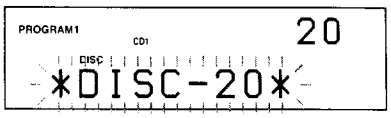
You can arrange the order of the tracks and/or discs to create three different programs which are stored automatically. A program can contain up to 32 "steps"; one "step" may contain a track or a whole disc.
You can make programs using the controls on the remote as well as ones on the player. However, the programming procedures are different.

Creating a program on the player

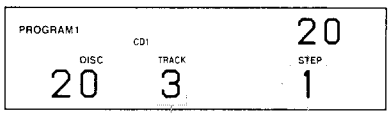


1 Press PROGRAM until the desired program number (PROGRAM 1, 2, or 3) appears in the display.
If a program is already stored in the selected program number, the last step of the program appears in the display. When you want to erase the whole program, hold down CLEAR until "CLEAR" appears in the display (see page 23).

2 Turn the JOG dial until the desired disc number appears in the display.

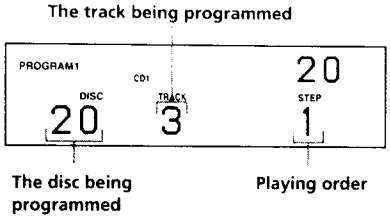


3 To program a whole disc, skip this step.
Turn the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial until the desired track number appears in the display.



Track number

4 Push the JOG dial.



5 To program other discs/tracks, do the following:

To program	Repeat Steps
All tracks of another disc(s)	2 and 4
Other tracks on the same disc	3 and 4
Other tracks on other discs	2 to 4

6 Push the JOG dial or press ▷ to start Program Play.

To cancel Program Play
Press CONTINUE.

The programs remain even after Program Play ends
When you push the JOG dial or press ▷ in Program Play mode, you can play the same program again.

When you press PROGRAM to select Program Play during Continuous or Shuffle Play
The program will be played after the current track.

The program remains until erased
Even if you replace discs, the programmed disc and track numbers remain. Therefore, the player will play the new existing disc and track numbers. However, the programed disc and track numbers that are not found in the player or on the disc are deleted from the program, and the rest of the program is played in the programmed order.

You can select the program number (PROGRAM 1,2, or 3) by using the remote
Press PROGRAM on the remote repeatedly until the desired program number appears in the display.

Note
If you press one of the GROUP 1 – 8 buttons to start Group Play, Program Play will be canceled (see page 36).

Checking the programmed order

You can check your program before or after you start playing.

Press CHECK.
Each time you press this button, the display shows the disc and track number of each step in the programmed order. (When a whole disc is programmed as one step, "ALL" appears instead of the track number.) After the last step in the program, the display shows "– END –" and returns to the original display.

Changing the programmed order

You can change your program before you start playing.

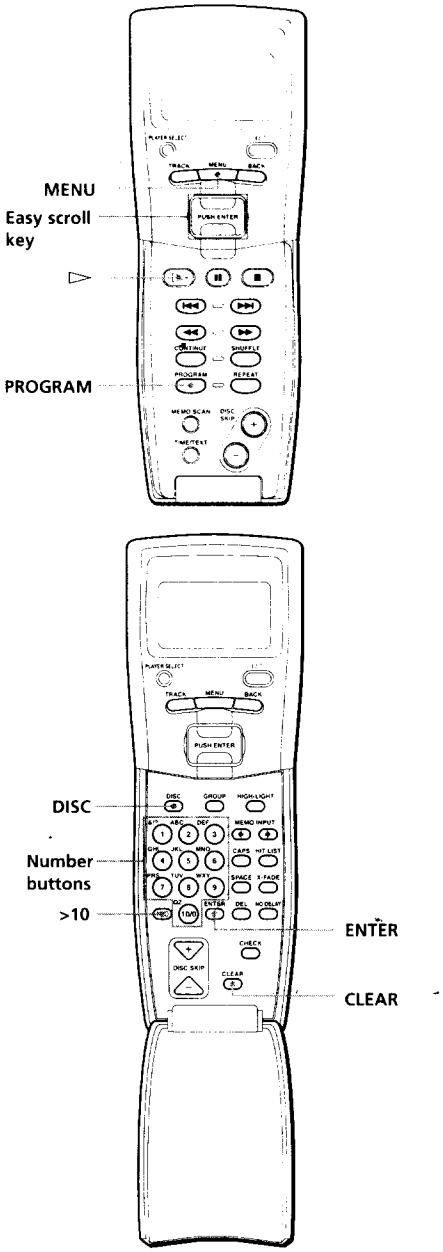
To	You need to
Erase a track or disc	Press CHECK until the track or disc you don't want appears in the display, then press CLEAR
Erase the last track or disc in the program	Press CLEAR. Each time you press the button, the last programmed track or disc will be cleared.
Add tracks or discs to the end of the program	Follow the programming procedure
Change the whole program completely	Hold down CLEAR until "CLEAR" appears in the display to erase the whole program, then create a new program following the programming procedure

Erasing the program stored in memory

1 Press PROGRAM repeatedly in the stop mode until the program number (PROGRAM 1, 2, or 3) you want to erase appears in the display.

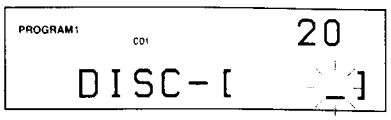
2 Hold down CLEAR until "CLEAR" appears in the display.

Creating a program using the remote

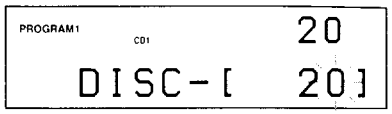


1 Press PROGRAM until the program number you want (PROGRAM 1, 2, or 3) appears in the display.

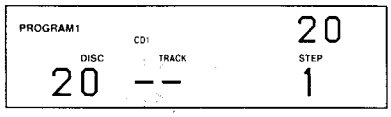
2 Press DISC.



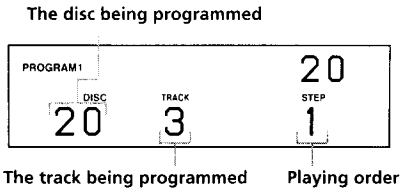
3 Press the number button of the disc.



4 To program a whole disc, press ENTER and go to Step 6.



5 First press >10 then press the number button of the track.
When the disc has less than 10 tracks, press 10/0 first then press the corresponding number to enter a track number from 1 to 9.



6 To program other discs/tracks, do the following:

To program	Repeat Steps
All tracks of another disc(s)	2 to 4
Other tracks on the same disc	5
Other tracks on other discs	2 to 5

7 Press ENTER or ▷ to start Program Play.

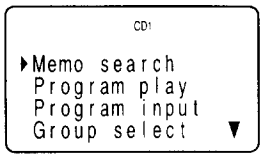
To cancel Program Play
Press CONTINUE.

You can check or change the program by pressing the CHECK or CLEAR button on the remote
See page 23.

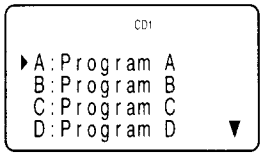
Creating a program observing the remote's display

You can create up to eight programs in the remote's memory, each containing up to 32 steps by observing the remote's display.

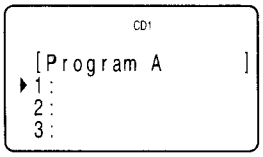
1 Press MENU.



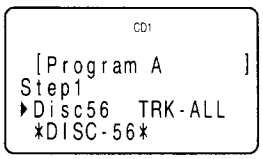
2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Program input" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



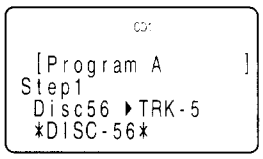
3 Move the cursor to the program you want to create, then press the Easy scroll key.



4 Press the Easy scroll key.



5 Select the desired disc by pushing the Easy scroll key up or down.
To program a whole disc, press the Easy scroll key again.
To program a certain track of the disc, select the desired track by pushing the Easy scroll key up or down, then press the Easy scroll key.



6 Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to program more tracks or discs.

To finish creating a program, press MENU. To play the program you create, see "Playing the program you create observing the remote's display" on page 25.

To erase a track or disc, move the cursor to the step you want to erase in Step 3, then press CLEAR.
To change a disc or track you programed, move the cursor to the step you want to change in Step 3, then press the Easy scroll key. Select a new disc or track following Steps 4 and 5.

You can label the program in Step 3

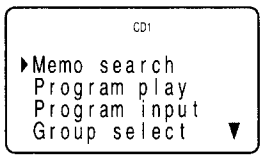
Move the cursor (▶) to the program you want to label by pressing the Easy scroll key up, then press the Easy scroll key.
The flashing cursor (◀) appears. Input the character you want following the procedure in "Labeling discs observing the remote's display" on page 32.

Note

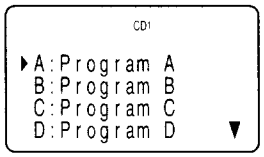
You cannot program the second player's tracks by using the remote.

Playing the program you create observing the remote's display

1 Press MENU.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Program play" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



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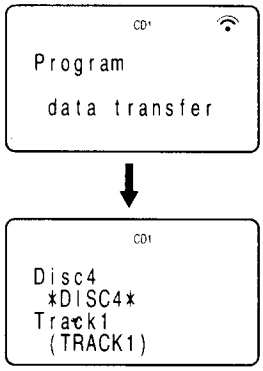
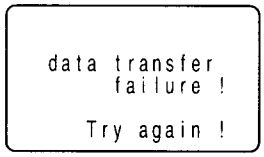
3 Select the desired program by pressing the Easy scroll key up or down, then press Easy scroll key.



Program Play starts when the player finishes loading the program data from the remote.
If the player fails in loading, the following message appears. Press the Easy scroll key again.

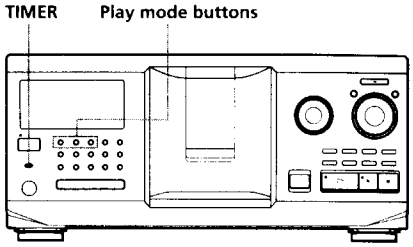


Note

The program you create using the remote is stored in the player as PROGRAM 1. Note that the PROGRAM 1 you had created before is erased.

Playing Using a Timer

You can start playing a disc at any given time by connecting a timer (not supplied). Refer also to the instructions for the timer if you need help.



1 Press one of the play mode buttons to select the desired play mode.

2 Set TIMER on the player to PLAY.

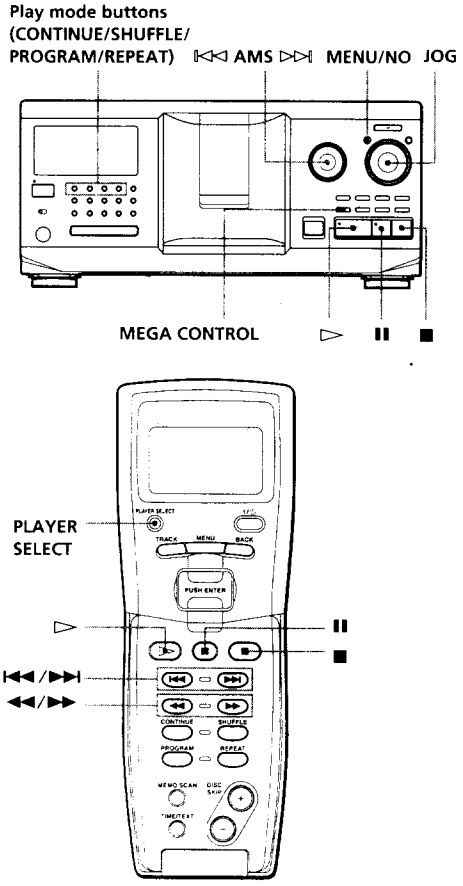
3 Set the timer to the desired time.
The player turns off. When the set time comes, the player turns on and starts playing.

4 After you have used the timer, set TIMER on the player to OFF.

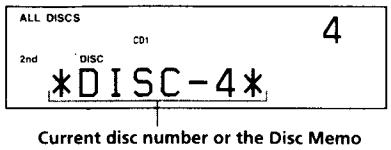
Controlling Another CD Player (Advanced Mega Control)

This unit can control a second CD player (see "Connecting Another CD Player" on page 9). Even when a second CD player is connected, the controls on both of the units will function. When you press the play button on either unit, the operating player stops and the idle player starts.
Make sure "2nd DETECTED" appears in this player's display after turning on both players.
Note that, depending on the player, you may not be able to operate all the functions of the second CD player.

The controls indicated in the illustration below are effective while the MEGA CONTROL button is lit.



1 Press MEGA CONTROL on this player.
The MEGA CONTROL button and "2nd" in the display light up. The display shows the current disc number or Disc Memo of the second player.



Current disc number or the Disc Memo

2 Select the desired play mode.
To program tracks, use the controls on the second player.

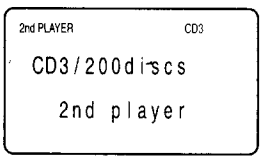
3 Press ▷ on this player to start playing.
The play starts and the display shows the current disc, track numbers, and the playing time of the track.
While the MEGA CONTROL button is lit, you can control the second player with the controls on this player.

To control the master player again

Press MEGA CONTROL. The MEGA CONTROL button goes off and you can control the master player.
To control the master player again by using the remote, you have to reselect the master player by pressing PLAYER SELECT on the remote.

To control the second player directly using the supplied remote

While the MEGA CONTROL button is off, press PLAYER SELECT repeatedly until "2nd player" appears in the remote's display.

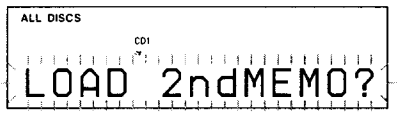


Loading the Disc Memos of the second CD player

If the second CD player has the Disc Memo function (see page 30), you can load the Disc Memos of the second CD player into this player's memory and display them on this player.

1 Press MENU/NO.

2 Turn the JOG dial until "LOAD 2ndMEMO?" flashes in the display.



3 Push the JOG dial.
This player starts loading. (Loading takes about one minute.)

Note
If each Disc Memo of the second CD player has more than 13 characters, only the first 13 characters of that Disc Memo is loaded into this player.

Labeling discs of the second CD player

You can label discs of the second CD player or change the Disc Memos loaded from the second CD player.

1 Press MEGA CONTROL.
The MEGA CONTROL button lights up.

2 Turn the JOG dial to select the disc you want to assign a Disc Memo to.
If the disc slot you select does not have any disc, "NO DISC" appears in the display and you cannot assign a Disc Memo.

3 Press MENU/NO.
"DISC MEMO" appears.

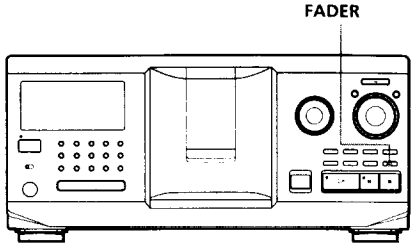
4 Push the JOG dial.

5 Input the new Disc Memo following the procedure in "Labeling Discs" on page 30.

Note
The new Disc Memos are stored on this player's memory, so you cannot display them on the second CD player.

Fading In or Out

You can manually fade the sound in or out to prevent tracks from starting or ending abruptly.
Note that you cannot use this effect when you use the DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL) connector.



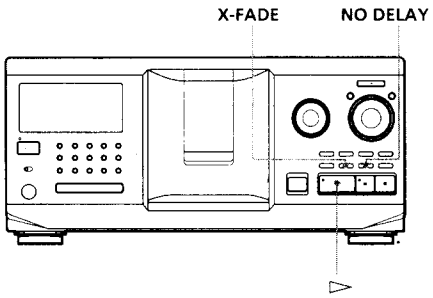
To	Press FADER
Start play fading in	During pause. "FADE" appears in the display and the ▪▮▮ indication flashes. The play fades in.
End play fading out	When you want to start fading out. "FADE" appears in the display and the ▮▮▪ indication flashes. The play fades out and the player pauses.

Note
Fading lasts for about 5 seconds.

Playing Alternately (No-Delay Play/X-Fade Play)

When you connect the second player, you can play tracks in this player and those from the second player alternately from any play mode (see "Connecting Another CD Player" on page 9).
Select one of the following methods:

- **No-Delay Play**: The current player changes at each track. Each time the current player changes to the other player, the other player starts play without a break in sound immediately after the current player ends play. The other player skips the lead-in portion and starts playing from where the sound actually begins.
- **X-Fade Play**: The current player changes at each track or at the specified interval. You can select the interval, 30, 60 or 90 seconds. Each time the current player changes to the other player, the sound from both players is mixed. The current player ends play by fading out, and the other player starts play by fading in.



1 Select the desired play mode for each player.

2 **When you select No-Delay Play**
Press NO DELAY.
"NO DELAY" appears in the display.
When you select X-Fade Play
Press X-FADE.
"X-FADE" appears in the display.
Each time you press the X-FADE button, the indication appears as follows:

→ X-FADE off → at track end → after 30 sec →
after 90 sec ← after 60 sec ←

To change the current player each time a whole track is finished, select "at track end."
To change the current player at the specified interval, press X-FADE repeatedly until the interval you want appears in the display.

3 Press ▷ to start playing.
The MEGA CONTROL button lights up while the track in the second player is selected.

To cancel No-Delay/X-Fade Play
Press the corresponding button repeatedly until "NO DELAY" or "X-FADE" disappears from the display. The current player continues playing.

You can change the method (No-Delay or X-Fade) during play
Press the corresponding button (NO DELAY or X-FADE) following the procedure in Step 2.

You can start X-Fade at any point of the track
Press FADER during X-Fade Play.
Even after you have set the X-Fade mode and started X-Fade play, you can start X-Fade manually at any point you like. Note that you cannot do this operation while the sound from both players is mixed.

Notes

- The play starts from the second player if you start play while the MEGA CONTROL button is lit.
- When one player has played all the discs or tracks in the player ahead of the other player, the play stops.
- Do not use the controls on the second player during No-Delay / X-Fade Play. They may not work correctly.

Controlling the Player by Another Unit

When you connect the player to a Sony MD deck compatible with the Mega Control function or operate a Sony MD deck by using the computer software like "MD Editor," you must set the player as shown below:

1 Press MENU / NO.

2 Turn the JOG dial until "CONTROL A1" appears in the display window.

3 Press YES.

To return to normal setting
After following steps 1 and 2, and "CONTROL A1 II " is displayed, then press YES.

Notes

- You can perform the operation above correctly only when you operate Disc 1 to Disc 200.
- You cannot operate this player correctly from another player which does not have the CONTROL A1 II jack. In this case, operate the other player from this player.

What You Can Do With the Custom Files

The player can store three types of information called "Custom Files" for each disc. Once you have stored Custom Files for a disc, the player automatically recalls what you have stored whenever you select the disc. Note that Custom Files will be erased if you do not use the player for about one month.

You can store this information:

When you use	You can
Disc Memo (page 30)	Label discs using up to 13 characters
Delete Bank (page 34)	Delete unwanted tracks and store only the tracks you want
Group File (page 35)	Group discs in up to eight groups, to locate them easily

Where are Custom Files stored?

Custom Files are stored not on the disc, but in the player's memory. Therefore you cannot use Custom Files when you play the disc on other players.

If you replace discs you have filed in the Custom Files

The Custom File information you have stored remains, since the Custom File information is assigned to each slot. Erase all the Custom Files (Disc Memo, Delete Bank, and Group File) of the old disc, and then file the new disc information in the Custom Files.

Erasing all Custom Files of all discs

Turn off the player. While holding down CLEAR, press I/⏻ to turn on the player. "ALL ERASE" appears in the display, and all Custom Files are erased.

Labeling Discs (Disc Memo)

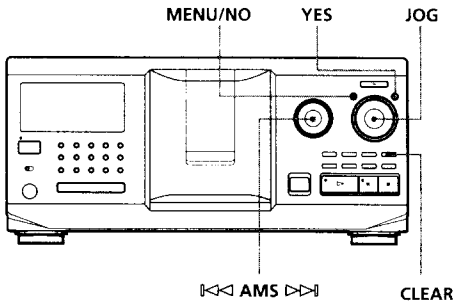
You can label discs using up to 13 characters and have the player display the Disc Memo each time you select the disc. The Disc Memo can be anything you like, such as a title, musician's name, category or date of purchase.

When you select a CD TEXT disc

The disc title is automatically stored as the Disc Memo. If the disc title has more than 13 characters, only the first 13 characters of the disc title are stored (see page 15). When you replace a disc with a CD TEXT disc, the disc title of the CD TEXT disc is also stored automatically. Note that you cannot change the Disc Memo of the CD TEXT disc.

You can label discs while the front cover is open

Labeling discs on the player



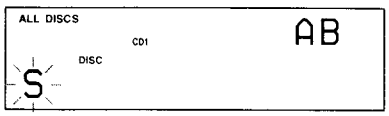
1 Turn the JOG dial until the disc number to which you want to assign a Disc Memo appears in the display.
When you label a disc with the front cover closed, the disc number of the disc at the playing position appears.
When you label a disc with the front cover open, the disc number at the loading position appears.

2 Press MENU/NO.
"DISC MEMO" flashes.

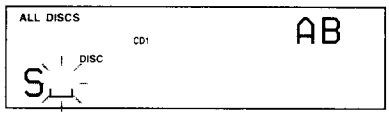
3 Push the JOG dial.
The flashing cursor (␣) appears.

4 Turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.
The cursor disappears and the first space for the Disc Memo flashes.
As you turn the JOG dial clockwise, the characters appear in the following order. Turn the JOG dial counterclockwise to go in reverse order.

(space) A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ! " # $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ _



5 Push the JOG dial to select the character.
The selected character lights up, and the flashing cursor appears to indicate the next space to be input.



To make a correction
Press CLEAR and begin again by inputting the correct characters.

6 Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to input more characters.

7 Press YES to store the Disc Memo.
The display shows the Disc Memo.

Repeat Steps 1 to 7 to assign Disc Memos to other discs.

To change the character type quickly while input characters
Press TIME/TEXT in step 4 above. The character on the cursor changes to the first character of each character type.
Each time you press TIME/TEXT, the character type changes as follows:

→ A → a → 0 → ! → (space) →

Changing the Disc Memo

1 Follow Steps 1 to 3 in "Labeling discs on the player" on page 30 to select the Disc Memo you want to change.

2 Turn the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial to move the cursor to the position you want to change.
When the cursor position is on a character, the character flashes but when the cursor position is on the blank space, the cursor (␣) appears in the display.

To change characters
Turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.

To add characters
Push the JOG dial. The new blank space appears next to the selected character, then turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.

To erase characters
Press CLEAR. The selected character disappears.

To erase all characters for the current Disc Memo
Press and hold CLEAR for few seconds.
All input characters for the current Disc Memo are erased.

3 Repeat step 2 to change more characters.

4 Press YES to store the Disc Memo.

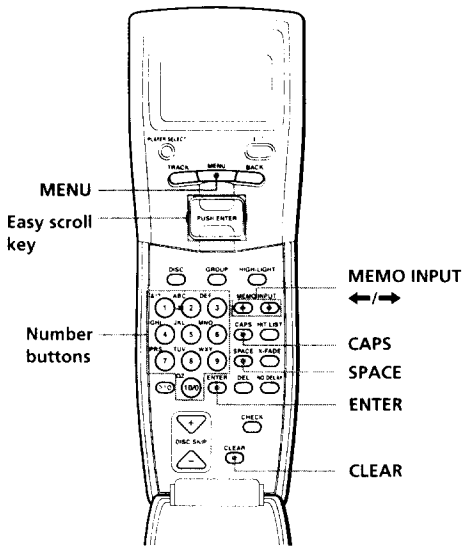
Erasing the Disc Memo

1 Follow Steps 1 to 3 in "Labeling discs on the player" on page 30 to select the Disc Memo you want to erase.

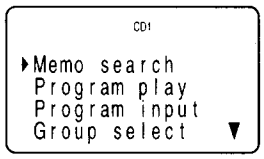
2 Press and hold CLEAR for few seconds.

3 Press YES.
The Disc Memo disappears.

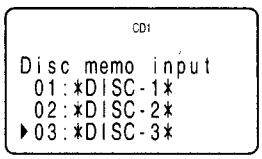
Labeling discs observing the remote's display



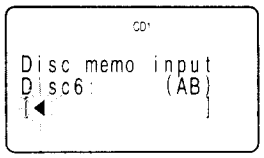
1 Press MENU.



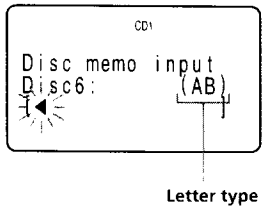
2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Disc memo input" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



3 Move the cursor to the disc you want to assign a Disc Memo, then press the Easy scroll key.
The flashing cursor (◀) appears.

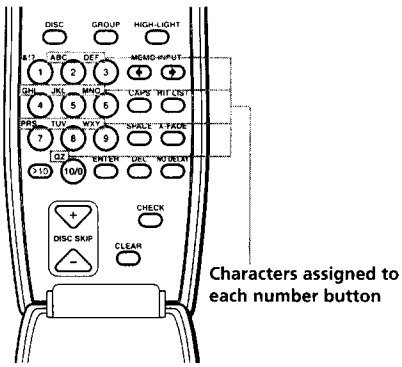


4 Press CAPS to find the desired letter type.
Each time you press the button, the letter type changes cyclically among capital letters (AB), small letters (ab), and numbers (12). To select a symbol, you have to select the capital or small letter type.

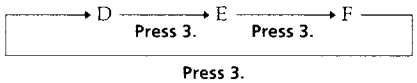


5 To input a letter, press the number button corresponding to the desired letter (indicated beside each number button).
The cursor disappears and the first space for the Disc Memo flashes.
Each time you press the button, the letter changes cyclically among the ones indicated beside the button.

To input symbols, press the number button 1 repeatedly until the desired symbol appears in the display.



Example: To select the letter E
Press the number button 3 twice.

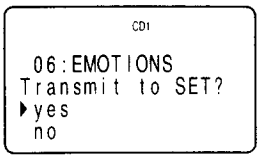


To insert a space, press SPACE once.

To input a number, press CAPS twice to change the letter type, then press the desired number button.

6 Press another number button or the MEMO INPUT ➡ button to go to the next space, then repeat Steps 4 to 6 to input more characters.

7 Press the Easy scroll key or ENTER when you finished inputting characters.
"Transmit to SET?" appears in the display.

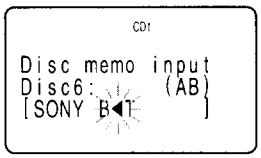


Press the Easy scroll key or ENTER to load the Disc Memo to the player.
If you do not want to load the Disc Memo to the player, move the cursor to "no," then press the Easy scroll key.
Repeat Steps 1 to 7 to assign Disc Memos to other discs.

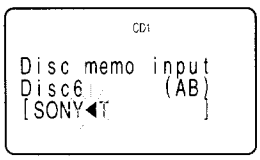
If you make a mistake while inputting the character(s)

To correct all the characters which have been input
Press CLEAR. All the characters are erased. Input the correct character from the beginning.

To correct a character which has been input
1 Press MEMO INPUT ⬅ or ➡ until the cursor moves next to the incorrect character.



2 Press DEL to delete the incorrect character.



3 Input the correct character.

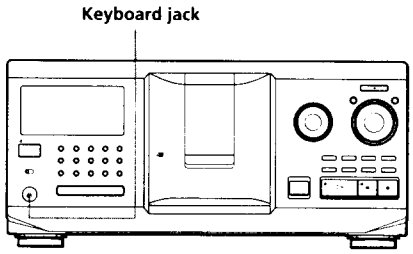
To correct the character currently being input
1 Press DEL to delete the incorrect character.
2 Input the correct character.

To insert a character between the input characters
Press MEMO INPUT ⬅ or ➡ until the cursor moves next to the point you want to insert, and enter the character.

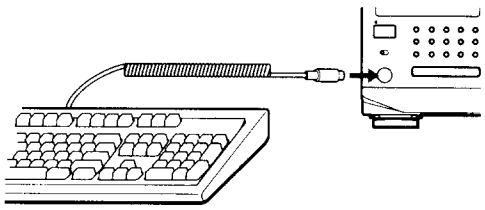
Storing Custom File Information Using a Keyboard

You can store the Disc Memo for each disc, one by one, using an IBM-compatible PC keyboard* (not supplied).

* Power consumption must be 120 mA or less.



1 Connect a keyboard to the keyboard jack on the front panel of the player.



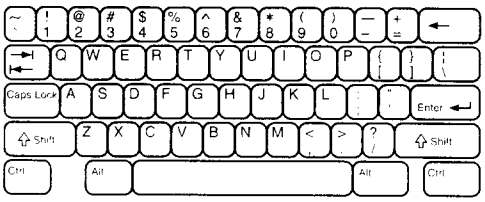
2 After selecting the desired disc on the player, press the Enter key.

3 Input the desired characters, then press the Enter key to store the information.

You can delete all characters of selected item
While holding down the Shift key, press the Delete key.

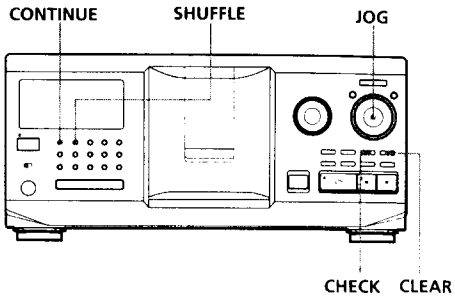
Notes

- If the cursor keys do not work correctly and you cannot complete the task using the keyboard, disconnect the keyboard then reconnect it to the player and try again.
- If the keyboard is not the USA model, the characters may be input differently from those on the keys. The USA keyboard layout is shown below.



Storing Specific Tracks (Delete Bank)

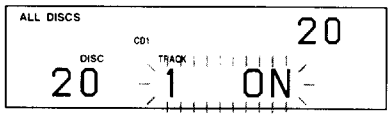
You can delete unwanted tracks and store only the tracks you want. When you select the disc containing a Delete Bank, the player will play only the remaining tracks.



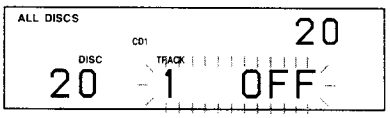
1 Press CONTINUE or SHUFFLE before you start playing.

2 Turn the JOG dial to select the disc.

3 Press CHECK repeatedly until the track you want to delete appears in the display.



4 Press CLEAR.
"DELETE FILE" and "OFF" appear in the display.



If you want to recover the track, press CLEAR again.

5 Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to delete more tracks.

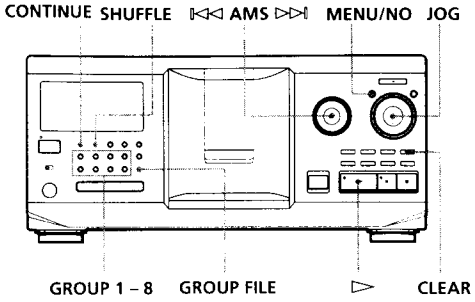
You can recover all the tracks you have deleted
Hold down CLEAR until "ALL ON" appears in the display.

Note

The deleted tracks are skipped even in the Shuffle or Program Play mode (when the whole disc containing a Delete Bank is programmed as one step).

Grouping Discs (Group File)

You might find that too many discs make it hard to find the disc you want. This player has a feature that lets you classify discs into eight groups. Each disc can be put into only one group.
Once you classify discs, you can enjoy Continuous, Shuffle, or Repeat Play within a certain group (Group Play).



Assigning discs to groups

1 Press CONTINUE or SHUFFLE before you start playing.

2 Turn the JOG dial to select the disc you want to assign to a group.

3 Press GROUP FILE.
"Select G1 – G8" appears in the display.

4 Press one of the GROUP 1 – 8 buttons to which you want to assign the disc.
"GROUP FILE" and the group number appear in the display and the disc is assigned to that group.

Deleting discs from a group

- To delete a disc from a group
  1 Turn the JOG dial until the disc number you want to delete from the group appears in the display.
  2 Press GROUP FILE.
  "Select G1 – G8" appears in the display.
  3 Press CLEAR.
  "GROUP ERASE" appears in the display.
- To delete all discs from a group, press CLEAR while holding down whichever GROUP 1 – 8 button you want to clear.

Labeling groups (Group Memo)

You can label the preset group number anything you like, such as a category, using up to 13 characters. Note that you cannot store the Group Memo if you have not assigned any disc to the group.

1 Press MENU/NO.
"DISC MEMO" flashes.

2 Turn the JOG dial until the group number you want to label appears in the display, and then push the JOG dial.
The flashing cursor (␣) appears.

3 Turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.
The cursor disappears and the first space for the Group Memo flashes.
As you turn the JOG dial clockwise, the characters appear in the following order. Turn the JOG dial counterclockwise to go in reverse order.

(space) A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ! " # $ % & ' ( ) * + , – . / : ; < = > ? @ _

4 Push the JOG dial to select the character.
The selected character lights up, and the flashing cursor appears to indicate the next space to be input.

To make a correction
Press CLEAR and begin again by inputting the correct characters.

5 Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to input more characters.
See also "Labeling discs on the player" on page 30 for details.

6 Press YES to store the Group Memo.

Changing the Group Memo

1 Follow Steps 1 and 2 in "Labeling groups" on page 35 to select the Group Memo you want to change.

2 Turn the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial to move the cursor to the position you want to change.
When the cursor position is on the character, the character flashes and the cursor position is on the blank space, the cursor (␣) appears in the display.

To change characters
Turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.

To add characters
Push the JOG dial. The new blank space appears next to the selected character, then turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.

To erase characters
Press CLEAR. The selected character disappears.

3 Repeat step 2 to change more characters.

4 Press YES to store the Group Memo.

Erasing the Group Memo

1 Follow Steps 1 and 2 in "Labeling groups" on page 35 to select the Group Memo you want to erase.

2 Press and hold CLEAR for few seconds.

3 Press YES.
The Group Memo disappears.

Playing discs in a group on the player (Group Play)

You can enjoy Continuous or Shuffle Play within a group.

1 Select the desired play mode before you start playing.

When you select	The player plays
ALL DISCS Continuous Play	All tracks on all discs in the group consecutively
1 DISC Continuous Play	All tracks on the specified disc in the group consecutively
ALL DISCS Shuffle Play	All tracks on all discs in the group in random order
1 DISC Shuffle Play	All tracks on the specified disc in the group in random order

2 Press one of the GROUP 1 – 8 buttons to select the group and press ▷.
Group Play starts from the disc which is the most upward number and located closest to the playing position. If the disc at the playing position is put into the selected group, the play starts from that disc.

To cancel Group Play
Press the GROUP 1 – 8 button which you have selected. "GROUP OFF" appears in the display.

During Group Play, you can locate a desired disc within a group by scanning or searching Disc Memos
See "Locating a disc searching for a specific Disc Memo" or "Locating a disc scanning each Disc Memo" on pages 16 and 17.

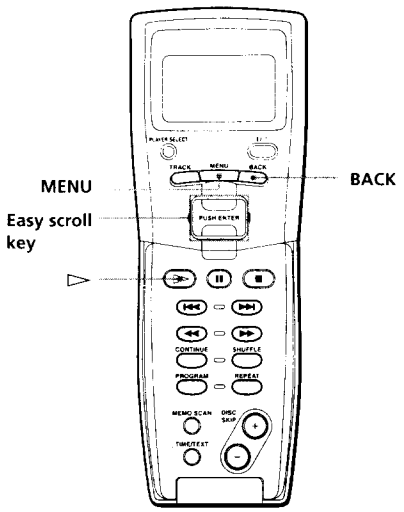
You can specify the disc to play when starting Group Play

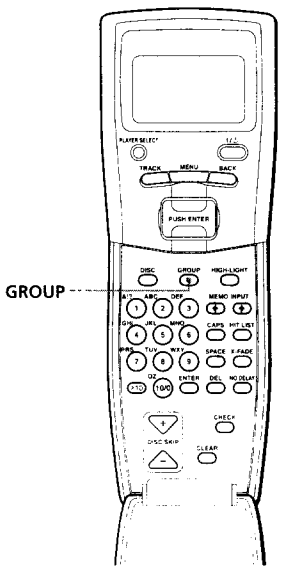
After selecting the group, turn the JOG dial to select the disc, then push the JOG dial or press ▷.

Note

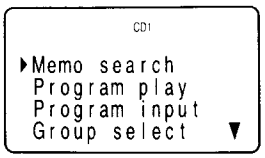
If "NO ENTRY" appears in the display, no disc has been put into the selected group.

Starting Group Play observing the remote's display

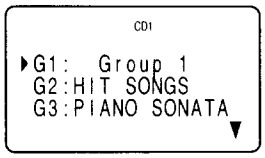




1 Before you start playing, press MENU.



2 Move the cursor (▶) to "Group select" by using the Easy scroll key, then press the Easy scroll key.



3 Move the cursor to the desired group.

4 Press the Easy scroll key then press ▷ to start playing.

To cancel Group Play, move the cursor to "Group OFF," then press BACK to go back to the menu display. You can also cancel Group Play by pressing the GROUP button.

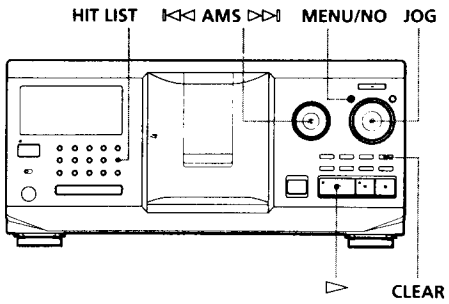
You can specify the disc by pressing the DISC SKIP +/– button

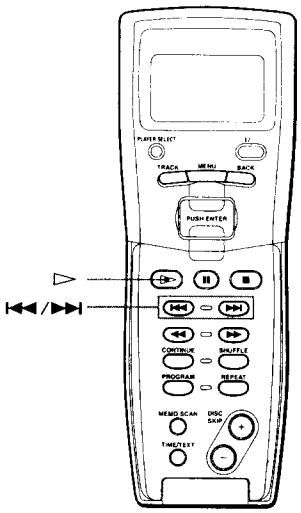
Note

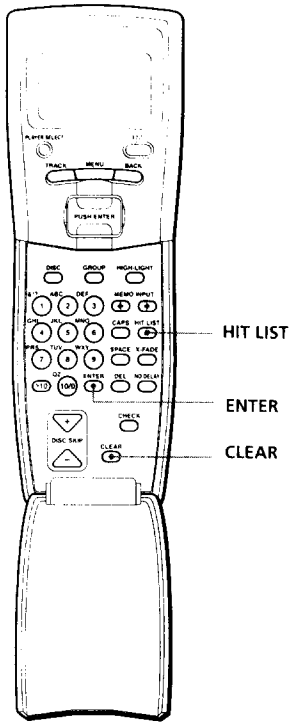
When you control another CD player using the remote's display (see page 27), you may not be able to start Group Play, depending on the player. In this case, first press GROUP, then press the desired number button (1 – 8) and press ENTER.

Storing Your Favorite Tracks (Hit List)

You can store the tracks you play frequently and select those tracks by checking the track numbers or titles (see page 39) in the Hit List.
You can put up to 32 tracks in the Hit List.







Putting tracks into the Hit List

Press HIT LIST while playing your favorite track.
The "HIT" indication and "List in" appear in the display.

Notes

- When you input the 33rd track into the Hit List, the 32nd track will be replaced.
- You cannot store the tracks from a second CD player.

Playing tracks in the Hit List

1 Press HIT LIST before you start playing.
The HIT LIST button lights up and "HIT LIST" appears in the display.

2 Turn the JOG dial or the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial until the desired track appears in the front panel display.

3 Push the JOG dial or press ▷ to start playing.
When using the remote, press ENTER.

The Hit List remains until erased
Even if you replace discs, the Hit List you create remains. Therefore, the player will substitute the new existing tracks into the Hit List.

Note
The track you select in Step 2 will be listed as the first track in the Hit List, and you cannot arrange the order of the tracks in the Hit List.

Deleting tracks from the Hit List

1 Follow Steps 1 and 2 in "Playing tracks in the Hit List" on page 38.

2 Press CLEAR.
The selected track is deleted from the Hit list.

Deleting all tracks of the Hit List

When the HIT LIST button lights up, hold down CLEAR while in stop mode until "CLEAR" appears.

Labeling tracks in the Hit List (Hit Title)

You can label tracks in the Hit List in either of the two methods described below.

Labeling tracks while in play mode

1 Press MENU/NO while playing a track in the Hit List.
"HIT TITLE" appears in the display.

2 Push the JOG dial.
The flashing cursor (␣) appears in the display.

3 Turn the JOG dial until the desired character appears in the display.
The selected character for the Hit Title flashes.
As you turn the JOG dial clockwise, the characters appear in the following order. Turn the JOG dial counterclockwise to go in reverse order.

(space) A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ! " # $ % & ' ( ) * + , − . / : ; < = > ? @ _

4 Push the JOG dial to select the character.
The selected character lights up, and the flashing cursor appears to indicate the next space to be input.

To make a correction
Press CLEAR and begin again by inputting the correct characters.

5 Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to input more characters.
See also "Labeling discs on the player" on page 30 for details.

6 Press YES to store the Hit Title.

Labeling tracks while in stop mode

1 While the HIT LIST button is lit, select the track you want to assign by turning the JOG dial or the ⏮ AMS ⏭ dial.

2 Press MENU/NO.
The flashing cursor (␣) appears in the display.

3 Follow Steps 3 to 6 in "Labeling tracks while in play mode" to input the characters.

You can store a CD TEXT disc's track titles in the Hit List
The CD TEXT disc's track title is stored as a Hit Title automatically when the track is put into the Hit List.

Precautions

On safety

- Caution — The use of optical instruments with this product will increase eye hazard.
- Should any solid object or liquid fall into the cabinet, unplug the player and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.

On power sources

- Before operating the player, check that the operating voltage of the player is identical with your local power supply. The operating voltage is indicated on the nameplate at the rear of the player.
- The player is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet, even if the player itself has been turned off.
- If you are not going to use the player for a long time, be sure to disconnect the player from the wall outlet. To disconnect the AC power cord (mains lead), grasp the plug itself; never pull the cord.
- AC power cord must be changed only at the qualified service shop.

On placement

- Place the player in a location with adequate ventilation to prevent heat build-up in the player.
- Do not place the player on a soft surface such as a rug that might block the ventilation holes on the bottom.
- Do not place the player in a location near heat sources, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust or mechanical shock.

On operation

- If the player is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, or is placed in a very damp room, moisture may condense on the lenses inside the player. Should this occur, the player may not operate properly. In this case, leave the player turned on for about an hour until the moisture evaporates.

On adjusting volume

- Do not turn up the volume while listening to a portion with very low level inputs or no audio signals. If you do, the speakers may be damaged when a peak level portion is played.

On cleaning

- Clean the cabinet, panel and controls with a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of abrasive pad, scouring powder or solvent such as alcohol or benzine.

On transportation

- When transporting the player, open the front cover then remove all the discs from the player and turn the power off.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your player, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

Notes on CDs

On handling CDs

- To keep the disc clean, handle the disc carefully.
- Do not stick paper or tape on the disc.

- Do not expose the disc to direct sunlight or heat sources such as hot air ducts, nor leave it in a car parked in direct sunlight as there can be considerable rise in temperature inside the car.
- After removing a disc from the disc slot, store the disc in its case.

On cleaning

- Before playing, clean the disc with a cleaning cloth. Wipe the disc from the center out.

- Do not use solvents such as benzine, thinner, commercially available cleaners or anti-static spray intended for vinyl LPs.

Troubleshooting

If you experience any of the following difficulties while using the player, use this troubleshooting guide to help you remedy the problem. Should any problem persist, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

There is no sound.

- ➡Check that the player is connected securely.
- ➡Make sure you operate the amplifier correctly.

The CD does not play.

- ➡There is no CD in a slot ("–NO DISC–" appears).
  Insert a CD.
- ➡Insert the CD with the label side facing right.
- ➡Clean the CD (see page 40).
- ➡Moisture has condensed inside the player. Open the front cover and leave the player turned on for about an hour (see page 40).

The remote does not function.

- ➡Remove obstacles in the path of the remote and the player.
- ➡Point the remote at the remote sensor on the player.
- ➡Be sure to set up the remote correctly.
- ➡Replace all the batteries in the remote with new ones if appears in the remote's display.

The player functions incorrectly.

- ➡The microcomputer chips may be operating incorrectly. Disconnect the AC power cord, then connect it back to the wall outlet to reset the player.

Specifications

Compact disc player

Laser
Semiconductor laser (λ = 780 nm)
Emission duration: continuous

Laser output
Max 44.6 µW*
* This output is the value measured at a distance of 200 mm from the objective lens surface on the Optical Pick-up block with 7 mm aperture.

Frequency response
20 Hz to 20 kHz ±0.5 dB

Signal-to-noise ratio
CDP-CX555ES: More than 110 dB
CDP-CX350: More than 108 dB

Dynamic range
CDP-CX555ES: More than 95 dB
CDP-CX350: More than 93 dB

Harmonic distortion
CDP-CX555ES: Less than 0.003 %
CDP-CX350: Less than 0.0045 %

Channel separation
More than 100 dB

Outputs

	Jack type	Maximum output level	Load impedance
LINE OUT	Phono jacks	2 V (at 50 kilohms)	Over 10 kilohms
DIGITAL OUT (OPTICAL)	Optical output connector	–18 dBm	Wave length: 660 nm

General

Power requirements

Where purchased	Power requirements
USA	120 V AC, 60 Hz
Australia	240 V AC, 50/60 Hz

Power consumption
CDP-CX555ES: 17 W
CDP-CX350: 13 W

Dimensions (approx.) (w/h/d)
430 × 189 × 484 mm (17 × 7 1/2 × 19 in.) incl. projecting parts

Mass (approx.)
CDP-CX555ES: 9.0 kg (19 lbs 14 oz)
CDP-CX350: 8.5 kg (18 lbs 12 oz)

Supplied accessories

See page 4.

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